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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the title on page 1 of the Substitute Specification as follows:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR STORING AND ACCESSING AN OBJECT [OF] BY A COMPUTER

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following

22. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:

determining an index from at least one parameter of a process to at least one of transform and convert a predefined digital image, the at least one parameter determining a mapping of the mapping object;

[dereferencing] determining an address of the mapping object by reference to the index;

accessing the mapping object, if the mapping object can be determined with respect to the index;

determining and accessing a new mapping object from the predefined digital image according to the process, if the mapping object cannot be determined with respect to the index.

29. (ONCE AMENDED) A system for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:

a processor unit

to determine an index from at least one parameter of a process to at least one of transform and convert a predefined digital image, the at least one parameter determining a mapping of the mapping object,

to [dereference] determine an address of the mapping object by reference to the index,

to access the mapping object, if the mapping object can be determined with respect to the index, and

to determine and access a new mapping object from the predefined digital image according to the process, if the mapping object cannot be determined with respect to the index.